

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0018] FIG. 18 illustrates another embodiment of a clamped tube fitting in accordance with the invention;

Please insert the following paragraph as [0018a] after paragraph [0018] and before [0019]:

[0018a] FIG. 18A illustrates an exemplary embodiment of a two-ferrule tube fitting;

Please replace paragraph [0067] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0067] As noted hereinabove, the hinging action may be effected by a variety of design options which may be used alone or in any number of various combinations and sub-combinations. One of those options is the inner notch or recess as noted. Another option is the tapered outer wall 200. Still further, the back end 202 of the ferrule may be contoured as explained in the '963 patent, such as with a convex shape, as distinguished from the straight conical profile illustrated in FIGS. 7 and 7A hereof. Using a convex contour with the ferrule back end 202 (or alternatively a contoured drive face 204 of the nut 182 or both) reduces galling and pull-up torque by more evenly distributing the reaction forces between the ferrule and the nut. Those skilled in the art will readily appreciate that the contoured back end may take on many different shapes, such as for example are described in International patent application no. PCT/US00/34828 filed on Dec. 20, 2000 for FERRULE WITH RELIEF TO REDUCE GALLING, and its corresponding U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/469,549 filed on Dec. 22, 1999 (~~pending issue~~), now U.S. Patent No. 6,629,708 for FERRULE WITH RELIEF TO REDUCE GALLING the entire disclosures of which are fully incorporated herein by reference. The teachings of the these applications are not needed for an understanding and practice of the present invention, but rather provide additional alternative design configurations of a contoured back wall and other geometry considerations for the hinging operation, either for the rear ferrule of a two ferrule tube fitting, or a single ferrule tube fitting. The contoured back wall also facilitates a hinging action whereby the back end of the ferrule may be radially spaced from the tubing after pull-up as set forth hereinabove. Preventing contact between the ferrule back end and the tubing wall prevents a stress riser that could be susceptible to deleterious vibration effects.

Please replace paragraph [0084] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0084] The various geometry characteristics of the fitting, such as the range of camming angles, are selected to effect an appropriate radially inward hinging action of the gripping ring with a dual rotation upon make-up of the fitting. It should be understood, however, that the clamped coupling of the present invention may be used with other gripping rings formed as one piece with a clamped coupling part and with bodies having other camming angles, for example, and is not limited to fittings of the type shown above with reference to FIGS. 1-15. The clamped coupling is also usable with a two-ferrule system (See Fig. 18A).